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Tomoharu HASE) : Examiner: H. Nguyen
Application No.: 09/145,982) : Group Art Unit: 2851
Filed: September 3, 1998)
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND) May 28, 2002
DEVICE MANUFACTURING)
METHOD INCLUDING GAS)
PURGING OF A SPACE)
CONTAINING OPTICAL)
COMPONENTS)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of April 26, 2002, Applicants respectfully elect the invention of Group II, claims 25-46.

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Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement and Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

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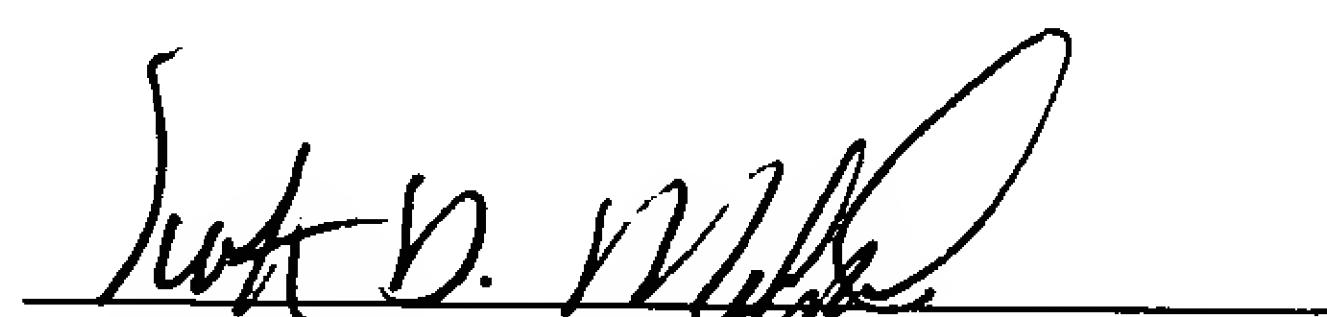
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	43	MINUS	42	= 1	x \$9 \$18	\$ 18.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	10	MINUS	13	= 0	x \$42 \$84	\$ 0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$140/\$280						\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 18.00



°Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

- A check in the amount of \$18.00 is enclosed including the additional claims fees.
- Charge \$____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
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- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the extension fee for a _____ month is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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